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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL. 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 322 Raccuglia Drive to retire gas service and at 25 Mary Senica Drive to replace a bad underground street light cable.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of George Green to close Second Street from Bucklin to Joliet for his annual Car Cruise on September 20, 2014 from the hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. with proceeds benefiting La Salle Boy's and Girl's Baseball programs.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

There were no reports.

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you letter from Rodney Dale of the La Salle Boys Baseball Board was read.

Mayor Grove also informed the council that he received communication from Peru Mayor Scott Harl thanking the City of La Salle, Superintendent of Public Works and the Public Works Department for their equipment and assistance with water main breaks in the City of Peru.

STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no committee reports.

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OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Demes followed up with Chief Uranich regarding scales from the Illinois State Police to monitor the weight of trucks utilizing Bucklin Avenue. Chief Uranich informed the council a date has been scheduled.

Mayor Grove thanked Gail Heller for her cooperation in the demolition of her property at 6th and Bucklin Avenue.

Mayor Grove reminded residents that over 150 high grass warning letters have been sent out. If a letter was received and the grass has been cut, residents should disregard the notice. The letters are not intended to offend anyone. Mayor Grove thanked Building Inspector Chris Covert and the police department for addressing those issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Grove recognized John Duncan and Beth Swingel and all union and non-union employees for working together to come up with a health insurance package. The Health Insurance committee is recommending the council approve two options. One option allows the employee to stay with the current PPO plan and the second option allows the employee to choose a high deductible Health Savings Account plan. Alderman Schneider concurred that the options presented provide a great opportunity for employees and provide some savings from last year's plan. Mayor Grove thanked Brennan and Stuart for working with the City. Plans will renew July 1st.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept the 2014 Health Insurance committee's recommendation giving employees two options, one to renew at the current PPO rate or to enroll in a high deductible family health savings account plan. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Mayor Grove mentioned that Finance Director John Duncan is in Wisconsin with another employee training on the new computer system. This month will be the city's conversion month and Joanne Milby and Jan Marchesi will cover the office while staff training is occurring during the week of June 9-13.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept **Ordinance 2491** an ordinance authorizing the Prevailing Wage for 2014. Each and every alderman has a copy. **ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Duncan, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Ordinance No. 2491: an ordinance authorizing the Prevailing Wage for 2014.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept **Ordinance 2492** an ordinance authorizing a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on the on the east side of La Harpe Street from the first driveway south of the stop sign at the intersection of 15th and La Harpe Streets north to the corner of 15th and La Harpe Streets and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

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Motion carried 8-0

Ordinance No. 2492: an ordinance further regulating parking within the City of La Salle. (No Parking Here to Corner sign 15th and La Harpe.)

BIDS

In regard to the bid award for Rotary Park Phase II, Attorney McPhedran summarized the council's options. He explained that if the council was comfortable in approving the base bids with alternates A and C as recommended by the Superintendent of Public Works, City Engineer and RHMG, the council could do so. The council could reserve the right to approve additional alternates at a time in the near future. The bid spec provided that the base bid and all of the alternates are to be awarded to one contractor. John Pohar and Sons was the lowest responsible bidder for the base bid as well as on the alternates. This this was confirmed by the engineers.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to approve and award the bid to John Pohar and Sons for the base bid and Alternates A and C, with the council reserving the right to approve additional alternates after further discussion at a later date and subject to John Pohar and Sons complying with the remainder of the terms of the specs including providing payment and material bonds. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None Motion carried 8-0

BIDS: Rotary Park Phase II John Pohar and Sons \$622,632.40 Wilkinson Excavating, Inc. \$696,907.50.

COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

Building Inspector Chris Covert updated the council on the status of several problem properties.

City Engineer Brian Brown reported that he has been working with the contractor at Country Aire Subdivision in regard to pavement structure and results were better than he anticipated.

Mayor Grove congratulated Logan Zeman of LP High School for receiving 1st Place in the IHSA Boys State Track and Field high jump competition, jumping 6'8".

The Mayor welcomed everyone to attend Celebrate La Salle which begins tomorrow, June 4th and goes through June 7, 2014. Food vendors and bands will be featured each night. There will be a 5K Walk/Run on Friday evening, as well as Dream Wave wrestling. Kid's games will be featured on Friday evening and Saturday, as well as a La Salle Idol talent competition.

Attorney McPhedran indicated as a point of information regarding the bid's for Rotary Park Phase II as discussed earlier in the meeting, that John Pohar and Son was the overall low bidder with a total bid of \$622,632.40 and the next lowest responsible was 696,907.50.

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Alderman Demes reminded everyone that the NASA exhibit at the La Salle Public Library will begin on Wednesday, June 4 through June 7, 2014 from the hours of 11 a.m. -7 p.m.

Mayor Grove added the Fishing Rodeo at the canal is also Saturday, June 7, 2014 and that the La Salle Farmer's Market began today at Hegeler Park and will continue each Tuesday of the summer from 3-7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling: \$264,278.83 (Total Payroll \$210,216.14 Bills to be Paid \$38,121.71, Total Bills Paid \$15,940.98) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion carried 8-0

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Schneider to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:25 p.m.	
Carrie Brown, City Clerk	